

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2001-191

July 25, 2001

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Annual Price Change Pursuant to Alternative
Rate Plan (Post-Merger) ARP 2000

ORDER APPROVING
PRICING FLEXIBILITY
FLOOR RATES

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's (CMP's or the Company's) proposed pricing flexibility floor rates.

II. BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF THE STIPULATION

On March 15, 2000, CMP submitted its first Post-Merger Alternative Rate Plan ARP 2000 (ARP 2000)¹ annual filing. As contemplated under Attachment 6 of the ARP 2000 plan, this filing included an update to CMP's flexible pricing floors. The floors are divided into customer, distribution and transmission components. Following discussions with Commission Staff, CMP made revisions to its customer and distribution floors. On July 20, 2001, CMP filed the corrected customer and distribution floors as well as new transmission floors that reflect the transmission prices allowed to go into effect on July 1, 2001 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Upon review, we find that corrected pricing flexibility floors filed by the Company on July 20, 2001 comply with the November 16, 2000 Commission Order in Docket No. 99-666 and properly update for the new transmission rates.²

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

That the corrected pricing flexibility floors filed by the Company on July 20, 2001 are reasonable and hereby approved as of the date of this Order.

¹ ARP 2000 was approved by Commission Order Approving Stipulation dated November 16, 2000 in Docket No. 99-666.

² This approval assumes that these new transmission rates stay in effect over the next year. However, in the event that the FERC approved transmission rates change prior to the next annual update of the pricing flexibility floors, the transmission floors approved herein will need to be updated to reflect that change.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 25th day of July, 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
 Nugent
 Diamond

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